

enant and were declared constituted a Congregational Church, and each of the 27 persons in full communion therewith.

(Signed) A. J. PARKER,
Pastor of the Cong'l Church, Shipton.

The first Deacons chosen were Bros. Alba Brown, David Mitchell and Sam'l S. Norriss, and soon after other additions were made to the church by letter and profession during the following years.

So far as known all those who originally united with the church in 1835, with the exception of Messrs William Brooks, Charles Brooks (now of Chicago) and William Mitchell of Ascot, have left the church on earth to join the church of Christ above, and their works do follow them.

The first Pastor of the church was the Rev. James Robertson, who moved from Derby, Vt., in May 1836, and continued pastor until his death in September, 1861, thus closing a ministry of upwards of sixty years' faithful preaching of the gospel of Christ, in Scotland, in Derby (nearly 4 years) and the rest of the time over this church preaching regularly every Sunday in Sherbrooke and Lennoxville and holding a Bible class on the Sunday evenings, which was well attended by the members of the church and others till his death, and was much prized by all.

He was succeeded in the Pastorate by Rev. Archibald Duff, D. D., who was pastor for about 18 years, and died in London, England, soon after leaving Sherbrooke. He was a faithful, earnest, devoted and useful pastor and much esteemed by all with whom he came in contact.

He was succeeded as Pastor by the Rev. B. B. Sherman, who was pastor for about 3 years, Dr. Duff remaining most of the time as Pastor *emeritas*. Next followed Rev. E. R. Brainerd who was pastor for about 2½ years. The two last mentioned left Sherbrooke for the United States.

The Rev. Dr. Barnes came to Sherbrooke as Pastor in June, 1887, and is now acting as such in connection with this church.

I may mention amongst those who took an active interest in the erection of the *first* Congregational church building in Sherbrooke on the site now occupied by the